

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-4, 6-7, 10-11, 28-31, 35-42, 45-46, and 48-64 are pending in this application. The pending claims stand rejected. By this Amendment, claim 45 has been amended and claims 14-27, 32-34, 43-44, and 47 have been canceled without prejudice. The amendments made to claims 45 corrects a typographical error and does not alter the scope of the claim. In light of the amendments and remarks set forth below, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the pending claims is in immediate condition for allowance.

In response to the Examiner's teleconference on June 9, 2005, with Applicant's representative Michael J. Scheer, Applicant is canceling claims 14-27, 32-34, 43, 44 and 47, without prejudice. The Examiner indicated to Mr. Scheer that the pending claims would be allowed. As such, to advance the prosecution in this matter, Applicant has cancelled the above claims so that the remaining claims will issue.

Applicant has responded to all of the rejections and objections recited in the Office Action. Reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance for all of the pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

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If the Examiner believes an interview would be of assistance, the Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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